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Remarks

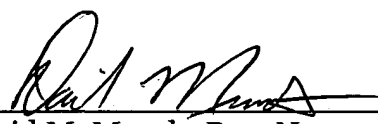
Claims 15, 16 and 18 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but have been indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and to overcome objections noting informalities . With this amendment, applicant has cancelled claims 4-6 and 14-16 and amended claims 1, 7-9 and 17-18 thereby rewriting the objected to claims in independent form and addressing the informalities.

With this amendment, all grounds for rejecting the present invention are believed to be addressed. Withdrawal of the objections and allowance of the current claims are therefore respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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